-- 30. A method for implementing a limited-use credit card system, the method comprising:

allocating a limited-use credit card number;

associating the limited-use credit card number with a customer account number and a set of conditions;

issuing the limited-use credit card number;

detecting a transaction using the limited-use credit card number; and

processing the transaction in accordance with the set of conditions associated with limited-use credit card number.

31. The method of claim 30 further comprising:

allocating additional limited-use credit card numbers upon a customer request and/or an event trigger.

32. The method of claim 31 wherein the event trigger is the use of more than a preset amount of limited-use credit card numbers.

33. The method of claim 30 wherein processing the transaction comprises:

authorizing or denying the transaction by comparing the transaction to the set of conditions associated with the limited-use credit card number;

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determining whether a limited-use event has occurred; and

deactivating the limited-use credit card number based on the limited-use event

and/or the set of conditions associated with limited-use credit card number.

34. The method of claim 33 further comprising:

assigning another limited-use credit card number in response to deactivating the

limited-use credit card number; and

associating said other limited-use credit card number with the customer account

number.

35. The method of claim 30 further comprising:

maintaining a queue of available limited-use credit card numbers; and

assigning the limited-use credit card number from the queue.

36. The method of claim 30, wherein issuing the limited-use credit card number

comprises:

downloading the limited-use credit card number to a user.

37. The method of claim 36, wherein the limited-use credit card number is encrypted

prior to downloading.

38. The method of claim 30, wherein issuing the limited-use credit card number

comprises:

mailing the limited-use credit card number to a user.

39. The method of claim 30 further comprising:

notifying a user about parameters of the limited-use credit card system.

40. The method of claim 39, wherein the user is notified via e-mail.

41. The method of claim 39, wherein the parameters of the limited-use credit card

system comprise records of limited-use and other card transactions.

42. The method of claim 39, wherein the parameters of the limited-use credit card

system comprise use of the limited-use credit card number in a credit card transaction.

43. The method of claim 39, wherein the parameters of the limited-use credit card

system comprise a number of limited-use credit card number available to the user.

44. The method of claim 30 wherein the set of conditions are defined by a user of the

limited-use credit card.

45. The method of claim 44, wherein the set of conditions limits the use of the limited-use credit card number to a pre-defined user limit.

46. The method of claim 44, wherein the set of conditions limits the use of the limited-use credit card number to a particular merchant.

47. The method of claim 46, wherein the particular merchant is selected from a predetermined list of merchants and/or category of merchants.

48. The method of claim 46 wherein the particular merchant is prearranged by the user.

49. The method of claim 44, wherein the set of conditions limits the use of the limited-use credit card number to a single transaction for a maximum transaction value for a single purpose.

50. The method of claim 44, wherein the set of conditions limits the use of the limited-use credit card number to a set number of transactions for a maximum transaction value within a set time.

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51. The method of claim 48, wherein the set of conditions limits the use of the limited-use credit card number to a single purpose.

52. The method of claim 44, wherein the set of conditions comprise at least one of the group consisting of transaction value conditions, time of transaction conditions, number of transactions conditions, frequency of transactions conditions, and purpose of transaction conditions, merchant type conditions, and geographical conditions.

53. The method of claim 30, further comprising:

dispensing a credit card containing the limited-use credit card number.

54. The method of claim 51, wherein an automated teller machine dispenses the credit card.

55. The credit card system of claim 51, wherein dispensing the credit card comprises:

printing out an indication of the limited-use credit card number for delivery to a user.

56. The method of claim 30, further comprising:

dispensing the limited-use credit card number to a user via a telecommunications

system.

57. The method of claim 54, wherein the telecommunications system comprises a

pager.

58. The method of claim 54, wherein the telecommunications system comprises a

mobile phone.

59. The method of claim 30, further comprising:

initiating the transaction using the limited-use credit card number via a

telecommunications system.

60. The method of claim 57, wherein the telecommunications system comprises a

pager.

61. The method of claim 57, wherein the telecommunications system comprises a

mobile phone. --

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